Cemetery Association Minutes of Meeting January 25, 2012

The Town of Camden Cemetery Association held a meeting on the above date. Present were Isa Babb, Pat Ayers, Jeff Weymouth, Jeff Sukeforth, Parker Laite, Sr., and Kristine Lerner. Also, attending were Parks Director Jeff Kuller, Town Manager Pat Finnigan, Select Board member Don White, Jr., Economic Development Director Brian Hodges, Tree Warden Bart Wood, Sexton Bruce Libby and Finance Director Carol Sue Greenleaf. The meeting was chaired by Jeff Sukeforth.

- 1. Approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting Isa Babb made a motion, "to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting as written". The motion was 2^{nd} by Pat Ayers and approved by a vote.
- 2. Stone pillars at Oak Hill Cemetery Parker Laite shared renderings of the Oak Hill Cemeteries showing pillars, stone walls and gates currently there and proposed. He explained that the pillars in these depictions were a little shorter (4 ft. tall) than the pillars in the bid specifications used last fall. He asked for authorization to negotiate with the lowest bidder so that this project moves forward. Jeff Weymouth made a motion, "to authorize Parker to negotiate a new price with the lowest bidder not to exceed \$12,871.00" After additional discussion, Parker Laite 2nd the motion. The motion was approved by a vote (6 yes, 0 no).
- 3. Allowing upright headstones at the Oak Hill North Cemetery (By-law change)? This agenda item was carried over from the last meeting in October 2011. The discussion was similar with pros and cons being addressed. It was decided that a site walk in April would be helpful. The item was tabled until the next meeting in April. No vote was taken.
- 4. Damage to Mt. View Cemetery gate (update) Jeff Sukeforth reported that a vehicle had crashed into the entrance gate at the Mt. View Cemetery causing significant damage. The repair work has been completed (\$1,500.00) and a check from the driver's insurance company has been received for the same amount.
- 5. Trees at Oak Hill North Brian Hodges spoke about grant money the Town has been awarded from a grant named "Project Canopy" (Maine Forestry Service). He said trees to be planted along the roadside of the Oak Hill North Cemetery were included in the application. Bart Wood also addressed the Committee noting that the available roadside space (480') was a "perfect" distance for the spacing of 11 trees. He shared a diagram indicating where the trees (4 red maples, 4 sugar maples and 3 red oaks) would be planted. The types of trees to be planted were determined by several factors including color of foliage in the fall. The planting area will be reviewed at the site walk scheduled for April. Parker Laite made a motion, "to authorize Bart Wood to continue the process and ordering of 11 trees as specified". The motion was 2nd by Jeff Weymouth and approved by a vote (6 yes, 0 no).
- 6. Financial reports Carol Sue reviewed the financial reports ending December 31, 2011 with the Committee. She called their attention to revenue line #R-95-04-03 "Town Appropriation". This line was budgeted at \$50,000, however in the Town's *final budget* it was funded at \$40,000 indicating a \$10,000 uncollected balance. She reminded them that the \$40,000 was an increase over the previous year's appropriation.

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7. FY 2012-2013 budget – The Committee reviewed each expense and revenue line item. After brief discussions concerning a few lines the final budget totaled \$79,475 (expenses and revenues). Parker Laite made a motion, "to approve the budget (expenses and revenues) for FY 2012-2013 at \$79,475". The motion was 2nd by Jeff Weymouth and approved by a vote. Jeff Sukeforth told the Committee that the Cemetery Association was scheduled to review their budget with the Budget Committee on Thursday, March 22nd and asked if anyone would like to make the presentation to be in touch with him.

The next regular meeting date will be scheduled for April 18, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. in the Washington Street Conference Room. *Weather permitting a site walk at the Oak Hill Cemeteries will be scheduled prior to the meeting.* The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Sue Greenleaf